

I am deeply disturbed by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election.

Since Sinclair uses the public airwaves without charge, I believe it is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, and abuse that privilege, we do not get what we need for democracy; instead, in this case, we are getting an unvarnished effort to manipulate the election. It's important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive and balanced news about issues that really matter to our country and to world.

We need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them, and we need to enforce rules that require at least a semblance of balance. The license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.